The Union Ministry of Tourism has provided Cental Assistance for the following projects in Sunderbans:—

S.No.	Name of Projects	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Cruise Vessels for Sunderbans	49.50
2.	Tourist Lodge at Piyali	44.80
3.	Launch for Piyali	49.84
4.	Tents for Piyali	10.90
5.	Tourist Lodge at Fraserganj	35.00

अजमेर और पुष्कर का पर्यटक स्थलों के रूप में विकास

452. **श्री ओंकार सिहं लखावत** : क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारतीय पर्यटन विकास निगम राजस्थान में अजमेर और पुष्कर की यात्रा करने वाले घेरलू और विदेशी पर्यटकों तथा श्रद्वालुओं की बढ़ती हुई संख्या को देखेते हुए इन स्थलों के पर्यटक स्थलों के रूप में विकास की आवश्यकता अनुभव करता हैं,

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या प्रयास किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है,

(ग) क्या भारतीय पर्यटन विकास निगम अजमेर और पुष्कर के विकास के लिये कोई योजना बना रहा है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ओमाक अपांग) : (क) से (घ) किसी विशेष स्थान का पर्यटक स्थल के रूप में विकास करना मुख्यत: राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है, तथापि, केन्द्रीय पर्यटन मंत्रालय राज्य सरकारों को , उनसे प्राप्त परियोजना प्रस्तावों पर, उनके गुण-दोषों, पारस्परिक प्राथमिकता और धन की उपलब्धता के आधार पर वित्तीय सहायता मुहैया कराता है । पुष्कर और अजमेर के विकास के लिए पर्यटन मंत्रालय ने निम्नलिखित परियोजनाओं हेतु निधि मुहैया कराई है :-

1. पुष्कर में सावित्री घाट और ब्रह्मा घाट का सुधार करना तथा आधुनिकीकरण करना
2. पुष्कर में पर्यटक परिसर
3. पुष्कर में पर्यटक आवास
4. अजमेर में यात्रिका
5. अजमेर में जन-सुविधाएं
6. विश्रामस्थली, अजमेर में तीर्थ यात्री शेड्स
7. पर्यटक गृह, अजमेर का विस्तार

इसके अलावा, वर्ष 1998-99 के दौरान, पर्यटन मंत्रालय ने केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता के लिए अजमेर में, खांदिम में पर्यटक परसिर का उन्नयन करने तथा अजमेर में अकबर का किला में मूलभूत सुविधाओं (शौचालय और लॉन का विकास) के लिए प्राथमिकता प्रदान की है । भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम के पास अजमेर और पुष्कर के लिए कोई परियोजना प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Suggestions from Tourist Offices Abroad

453. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to stale:

(a) The details of tourist offices set up by Government in each country;

(b) whether Government have received any suggestions from the tourist offices abroad for providing facilities to tourists visiting India in order to promote tourism;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to invite suggestions from tourist offices abroad for promoting tourism in the country;

(d) whether Government have implemented/proposed to implement the suggestions received from them;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAKAPANG): (a) The Government

of India Tourist Office Oversea s are as follows:—

U.S.A.	New York, Los Angeles
Canada	Toronto
England	London
Germany	Frankfurt
France	Paris
Spain	Madrid
Russia	Moscow
Sweden	Stockholm
Holland	Amsterdam
Italy	Milan
Israel	Tel Aviv
Singapore	Singapore
Australia	Sydney
Japan	Tokyo
South Africa	Johannesburg
Argentina	Buenos Aires
Middle East	Dubai

(b) to (f) The annual Overseas Marketing plans for each market are drawn out by the Overseas Offices in consultation with the Ministry. Feasible, suggestions from each tourist office on promotional strategies and infrastructure development are incorporated in these plans and implemented in coordination with related Ministries, State Govt, and the private sector. Other suggestions referred from time' to time to the Ministry of Tourism are also dealt with on merits.

Tourism Institute in Jammu and Kashmir and Gujarat

454. SMT. URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Tourism Institute in Jammu and Kashmir to impart education and training on tourism-related aspects;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to set up such an institute in the State of Gujarat in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) Government have not set up any Tourism Institute in Jammu and Kashmir to impart education and training in tourism-related aspects.

(b) No proposal has been received from the State Government.

(c) The Government has no proposal to set up an Institute in the State of Gujarat in the near future.

(d) No, new Tourism Institutes are planned in the Public sector on account of resources constraints.

Promotion of Domestic Tourism in States

455. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to promote domestic tourism in every state;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction during the last three years;

(c) the number of tourist circuits and tourist complex set up in those years in Orissa; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism has been providing financial assistance to every State Government for the creation of facilities for domestic toursim like construction of tourist complexes, way-side amenities and cafetarias; purchase of adventure sports equipments; floodlighting and refurbishment of monuments, putting up of Sound & Light Shows, construction of low-priced accommodation units like yatri niwas, yatrikas, etc. The assistance sanctioned during the last three years for these schemes were;

1995-96	Rs.3122 lakhs
1996-97	Rs.3770 lakhs
1997-98	Rs.4753 lakhs